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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 9. Figuring on the vote of the delegates to the Minneapolis Convention, all of which have selected, except those from Montana who will be chosen to-day, is the favorite occupation in political circles. Three hundred and fourteen of these delegates have been instructed to vote for President Harrison and 574 have received no instructions. Strange as it may appear, the Harrison and anti-Harrison men appear to be equally well satisfied with the situation. The Harrison people claim to have personal pledges from enough delegates among the uninstructed to make certain President Harrison's nomination on the first ballot by a majority of at least 75. This is met by the anti's with a claim that President Harrison will not even receive the votes from all the States that have instructed for him, because the instructions in most of the States only apply to the delegates at large, and do not include the district delegates. It is thought here that the anti's are laying the wires to nominate Blaine and Ruger with a hurrah, although they are doing lots of talking about the availability of Senator Sherman. The situation is decidedly interesting, and is daily growing more so.

Representative Jerry Simpson, speaking in favor of the appropriation for a ship channel through the Great Lakes, which was the subject of a warm fight in the House, resulting in favor of the appropriation, said: "The people of Kansas are in favor of any measure that will deepen the water-way of the Great Lakes and build up competition with the railroads. Money appropriated for the deepening of the lake channel will benefit the whole country."

There is much talk of retaliation on the part of China because of the new anti-Chinese law, which went into effect last Friday, but so far nothing has been done beyond the filing with the State Department of a formal protest against the law by the Chinese Minister, on the ground of its being a violation of the treaty of 1880, which was negotiated at the request of the United States.

Some very shrewd political wire-pullers have been here feeling the pulse of the 'Republicans in Congress who are opposed to the re-nomination of President Harrison, in order to ascertain whether the time was propitious for launching a boom for Chauncey M. Depew. They did not, however, receive much encouragement. Personally Depew is very popular, but the Senators and Representatives from the Northwest and West did not hesitate to say that his business relations with the New York money kings and the big railroad corporations made him an impossible candidate in their section. This will probably put an end to the Depew boom, as it is certain that no party will this year put up a candidate that is objectionable to the West and Northwest.

Senator Sherman is being talked of as the anti-administration candidate, but the Senator recently said that he had been sold out for the last time in a national convention, which is taken to mean that he will make no effort to get the nomination, much as he would like to have it.

Representative Scott of Illinois, the author of the resolution stirring up the Department of Justice as to legal proceedings against the sugar trust, which was adopted by the House the other day, is now after the jangling-twine trust with a similar resolution.

Somebody has suggested that President Harrison might take it into his head to show the country that all the economy was not in the Democratic party, by vetoing the big River and Harbor Bill when it gets to him. Yes, he might, but it is brass buttons to silver dollars that he will not. The River and Harbor Bill always contains extravagant and needless appropriations, but it always has a Congressional backing that makes it a mighty dangerous bill to veto.

"As between Hill and Cleveland," said a gentleman once prominently connected with the Democratic National Committee, "I prefer Gorman." When asked to explain his meaning, he only smiled and said: "I have nothing more to say." The fight between Hill and Cleveland men is causing a good many Democrats to regard Gorman as the most available Eastern candidate.

The Senate Post-office Committee has favorably reported an amendment to the Post Office Appropriation Bill,

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Senator Peffer says there are to-day but two parties in this country, one for the gold standard and the other for the bimetallic standard. He thinks the Omaha Convention will make money the principal plank in its platform, which reminds me that the silver question is again very much alive in the House, and it is predicted that a majority of the Democrats will demand that a new rule be reported and a date set for a final vote on the Bland Free-Coinage Bill.

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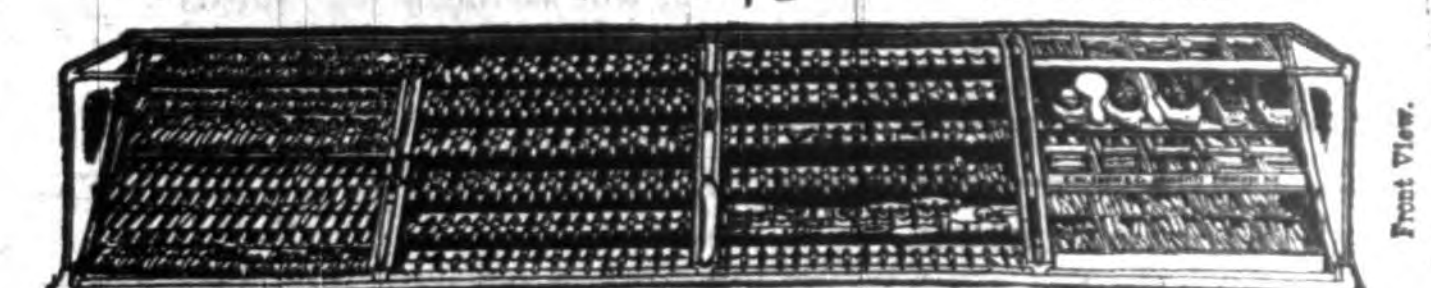
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